

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
STREET COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 13, 2002  
MAG Offices, Saguaro Conference Room  
302 North First Avenue, Suite 200  
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Don Herp, Phoenix, Chairman	Mitch Foy for Kevin Wallace, Mesa
Andrew Smith, ADOT	Andrew Cooper, Paradise Valley
David Cano, Avondale	Burton Charron, Peoria
Dan Cook, Chandler	*Bob Ronzo, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
*Shane Dille, Gila Bend	*Aaron Iverson, Scottsdale
*Bruce Ward, Gilbert	Brian Pirooz, Surprise
Allan Grover for Dan Sherwood, Glendale	Larry Shobe, Tempe
Charles Hydeman, Goodyear	*Ralph Velez, Tolleson
Jim Ricker, Guadalupe	*Jesse Mendez, Youngtown
*Doug Pike, Litchfield Park	
Chris Plumb, Maricopa County	

\*Members neither present nor represented by Proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

Randy Allenstein, ADOT	Stephen Tate, MAG
Paul Ward, MAG	

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Herp at 1:30 p.m.

2. Approval of the July 9, 2002 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Call to the Audience and Stakeholders

There were no members of the public present to address the Committee.

4. Transportation Programming Manager's Report

Mr. Paul Ward briefly stated that MAG would not program new MAG federally funded projects for the upcoming FY 2004-2008 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. He noted that this was

due to uncertainty with regard to the re-authorization of the federal transportation act and ongoing efforts by the STP/CMAQ Program Improvement Group to review and revise the MAG federal funding programming process. He added that the major MAG effort currently underway to develop a Regional Transportation Plan would affect the programming process.

8. MAG Regional Transportation Plan Development Briefing

This item was moved up in the agenda. Mr. Eric Anderson of MAG staff gave a brief presentation on the status of ongoing efforts to update the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Mr. Anderson noted that in 2001, MAG started a process to comprehensively update the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan and that, since then, MAG has held a series of expert forms, developed land use scenarios and alternatives, held a variety of stakeholders meetings and initiated several sub-regional transportation studies.

He added that he anticipates that this Plan will be the basis of a funding proposal to be presented to the voters of the region and that any and all projects submitted for inclusion in the TIP will be required to first be included in this Plan . He went on to note that MAG is now pulling together the results of earlier and ongoing efforts and is seeking input from the Street Committee on specific transportation infrastructure projects and policies to be included in the Plan and that MAG staff will regularly present to the Street Committee on the development of the Plan.

Mr. Dan Cook asked for clarification concerning the suggested requirement that all programmed project must first appear in the RTP prior to being included in the TIP. Mr. Anderson indicated that the requirement was based on a federal planning requirement but was intended to apply primarily to major regional projects and not necessarily to all projects an agency would wish to include in the TIP.

9. Preparation of Draft Socioeconomic Projections

Mr. Harry Wolfe gave a brief presentation on the update of MAG socioeconomic projections. He noted that MAG is currently in the midst of preparing a draft set of socioeconomic projections to be used for transportation planning purposes. He indicated that members of the MAG POPTAC have been encouraged share these projections with their transportation staff in order for MAG to obtain a broader perspective in the review process. He added that a copy of the membership of the MAG POPTAC was provided with the agenda.

He then proceeded to describe at some length the MAG modeling process for making socioeconomic projections. He noted that these projections use a variety of inputs from MAG member agencies, including: adopted land use, building completion data and other data. This data is used to sub allocate countywide population estimates developed by the Arizona Department of Economic Security in a model that take account of a variety of factors.

5. Report on the Status of Federally Funded Projects Programmed for Fiscal Years 2002 through 2004

Mr. Stephen Tate passed out a status report of FY 2002, 2003 and 2004 projects. He noted that the federal fiscal year was largely over.

6. FY 2004-2008 MAG TIP Guidance Report Distribution

Mr. Paul Ward distributed a copy of the FY 2004-2008 MAG TIP Guidance Report.

7. Survey of FY 2003 MAG Federally Funded Project Development Status

Mr. Tate briefly discussed the project survey form that had been sent out with the August meeting packet. He indicated that the purpose of the survey was to allow MAG staff to identify four key milestones that each federally funded project would typically be expected to achieve and to use this information to help member agencies evaluate the feasibility of their project development schedules and monitor project development. He added that it was also hoped that over time the information could be useful in better identifying the time needed to design specific projects.

Several members indicated concerning what was being requested on the form. Mr. Tate clarified that the members were asked what date they planned to make their initial submissions to ADOT and complete the following four milestones: the kick off meeting, the design concept report, the environmental clearance and final plans. It was noted that for self-certified agencies that the kick off milestone may not be applicable and that in cases where the milestone had already been achieved, the actual dates should be provided. Mr. Tate went on to indicate that he would need the information by the next Street Committee meeting

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30.